

**SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2025**



**CITY HALL KIVA
3939 N. DRINKWATER BOULEVARD
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lisa Borowsky called to order a Special Meeting of the Scottsdale City Council at 4:03 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 in the City Hall Kiva Forum.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Borowsky asked City Clerk Ben Lane to conduct the roll call.

Present: Mayor Lisa Borowsky; Vice Mayor Jan Dubauskas; and Councilmembers Barry Graham, Kathy Littlefield, Maryann McAllen, and Solange Whitehead

Also Present: City Manager Greg Caton, Acting City Attorney Luis Santaella, Acting City Treasurer Scott Selin, and City Clerk Ben Lane

Absent: Councilman Adam Kwasman

*****1. Request for Executive Session to:**

***a. (Removed at the request of staff.)

- b. Discuss and consider employment, assignment, appointment, and compensation and benefits of a permanent City Auditor from the following candidates: Tom Alger, Ivo Georgiev, Russ Needler. A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1), (3), and (4).
- c. Discuss and consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position on contracts that are the subject of employment negotiations. A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1), (3), and (4).
- d. Discuss and consult with the City's attorney(s) for legal advice regarding employment, assignment, appointment, and compensation and benefits of a City Auditor. A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1), (3), and (4).

***e. Discuss and consider employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salary, compensation and benefits and other contract terms, disciplining or resignation of the positions of City Attorney and Interim City

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Attorney; employment matters relating to the City Attorney's Office; and discussion or consultation with the City's attorneys for legal advice and necessary City staff regarding the same. A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(1), (A)(3), and (A) (4).

If authorized by a majority vote of the Scottsdale City Council, the executive session will be held immediately after the vote and will not be open to the public.

MOTION AND VOTE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman McAllen made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to:

- a. **Note:** Councilwoman McAllen stated that Item A on the agenda was removed at the request of staff.
- b. Discuss and consider employment, assignment, appointment, and compensation and benefits of a permanent City Auditor from the following candidates: Tom Alger, Ivo Georgiev, Russ Needler.
- c. Discuss and consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position on contracts that are the subject of employment negotiations.
- d. Discuss and consult with the City's attorney(s) for legal advice regarding employment, assignment, appointment, and compensation and benefits of a City Auditor.
- ***e. Discuss and consider employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salary, compensation and benefits and other contract terms, disciplining or resignation of the positions of City Attorney and Interim City Attorney; employment matters relating to the City Attorney's Office; and discussion or consultation with the City's attorneys for legal advice and necessary City staff regarding the same.

Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion, which carried 6/0, by voice vote, with Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor Dubauskas; and Councilmembers Graham, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

Mayor Borowsky recessed the Special Meeting (into the Executive Session) at 4:05 p.m.

Mayor Borowsky reconvened the Special Meeting (following the Executive Session) at 4:49 p.m. noting that Councilmembers were present and Charter Officers were in attendance.

*****2. Resignation Agreement and General Release for City Attorney Sherry Scott and Interim City Attorney Appointment**

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13456** to authorize:

1. The Mayor to execute Resignation Agreement and General Release No. 2025-114-COS with Sherry Scott.
2. Appointment of Luis Santaella as Interim City Attorney retroactive to June 17, 2025, at an annual salary of \$319,000 with the same benefits he currently receives until such time as a permanent City Attorney is appointed and begins employment.

Staff Contact(s): Lori Davis, Deputy City Attorney, 480-312-2405,
lodavis@scottsdaleaz.gov

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEM 2

Mayor Borowsky opened public comment on this item.

Steve Sutton, Scottsdale resident, discussed the friendliness and professionalism of City Attorney Sherry Scott.

Mayor Borowsky closed public comment on this item.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 2

Vice Mayor Dubauskas made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 13456. Councilwoman McAllen seconded the motion, which carried 6/0, with Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor Dubauskas; and Councilmembers Graham, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

MOTION AND VOTE – ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Dubauskas made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion, which carried 6/0, by voice vote, with Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor Dubauskas; and Councilmembers Graham, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:



**Ben Lane
City Clerk**

Officially approved by the City Council on September 9, 2025

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council of Scottsdale, Arizona, held on the 1st day of July 2025.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

DATED 9th day of September 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben Lane". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Ben Lane, City Clerk

REQUESTED ACTION

- **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 13456**
 1. Mayor to execute Agreement No. 2025-114-COS with Sherry Scott
 2. Appointment of Luis Santaella as Interim City Attorney